

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 13 and 14 are amended, and no claims have been cancelled. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 5, 13 and 14 are independent claims.

Examiner Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Fotakis for his time and helpful comments during the telephonic interview of April 20, 2009. During the telephonic interview, it was agreed that the March 31, 2009 Office Action is a Non-Final Office Action.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Namely, referring to independent claims 1, 5, 13 and 14, the Examiner alleges that in the limitations, "a plurality of multiplexers which selectively **output ones from among the first codes** stored in the N-bit registers...and a plurality of selectors which **selectively outputs either the selected ones of the first codes** or the second codes," it is "unclear" what is "selected as an output from the multiplexers." Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 13 and 14 to replace the term "ones" with "codes," thus clarifying that either "codes" of the "first codes" or the "second codes" are selected. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the

rejection to the above claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

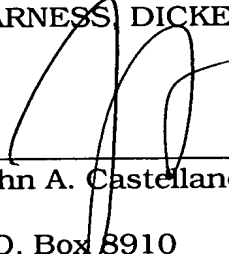
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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